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Foreign Garden Notes

Mr. Bonnewitz has spent the past six months traveling in Europe, and is now on his return. It is his intention to issue throughout the year descriptive articles on his visits to the various European Gardens, which will be published through our regular Garden Notes. The first issue is now in the printer's hands and will be mailed in the very near future. We will be glad to place your name on our mailing list to receive our Garden Notes regularly if we receive a request from you signifying that this is your wish.

LEE A. SHIMER,
Sec'y to Mr. Bonnewitz.

Shipments That Please Me

When I pay out my good money for Peony roots, and I have been doing that very thing for several years, I know just exactly the kind of roots I like to find in the express package when I open it. Perhaps you are not interested in the kind of roots which pleases me, but I like to talk about Peony roots, and so I am going to tell you anyhow. If the man I send my money to, wants to have me smile when I open up his shipment, he will select either nice healthy, plump one year roots with at least five eyes, and from which if there have been more than five eyes not a single one has been cut; or he will select a two or three year old root, and will cut from it a strong division with at least five eyes, so distributed that it can again be cut into three or more smaller divisions, each with one or more eyes. I do not care if it does not weigh more than three or four ounces, but I do insist that it have at least five eyes, and that it can be divided. Now, do you know what I do when I get such a root? Do you think I plant it the very first thing I do? No, indeed. I get out my sharpest knife and I put on my left hand a heavy, tough buckskin glove, and I carve that beautiful Peony root in a manner of which I am very proud. When I have finished with it I have three or more nice small divisions, and I plant them as they should be planted, and by giving them exactly the right cultivation I

grow from each of them in one season just as fine a plant as the one which pleased me when I opened the express package. With many varieties I find it wise to let them grow into two or three year old plants before again dividing them, and I quite often find that the plant which started with only one eye is, in two or three years' time, just as large, and sometimes even larger than the plant which started with four or five eyes.

Now why have I told you the kind of roots I like to receive? Just because that is the kind of roots I like to ship. Whether I sell you a \$3.00 root or a \$30.00 root, it must have at least five eyes, and it must be capable of being cut up into three divisions. That is the kind of roots I promise. If you decide to order any of them from me, and want them divided, I will make the division for you without any extra charge.

I offer in the following list some of the best of the newer and standard varieties. On some of the varieties you will note that my price is higher than in other growers' catalogues, and when you can get just as large a root for less money from other reliable growers, I do not expect or even desire that you send me the order.

	Rating	Price
Adelaide Hollis (Hollis).....	7.6	\$ 6.00
Aksarben (Rosenfield).....	7.0	3.00
Alsace Lorraine (Lemoine).....	8.8	7.50
Archie Brand (Brand).....	7.5	4.50
Aurore (Dessert).....	8.0	3.00
Avalanche (Crousse).....	8.7	3.00
Aviateur Raymond (Dessert).....	7.9	7.50

	Rating	Price
Baroness Schroeder (Kelway).....	9.0	4.50
Bayadere (Lemoine).....	8.7	6.00
Beauty's Mask (Hollis).....	7.9	4.50
Belisaire (Lemoine).....	7.5	4.50
Belle Mauve (Lemoine).....	6.8	3.00
Bertrade (Lemoine).....	8.1	6.00
Bunch of Perfume (Kelway).....	7.0	7.50
Cecilia Kelway (Kelway).....	.....	3.00
Charles Sedgwick Minot (Richardson)	7.2	7.50
Chestine Gowdy (Brand).....	8.4	6.00
Claude Gelle (Lemoine).....	7.5	7.50
Crimson Victory (Rosenfield).....	6.6	3.00
Distinction (Dessert).....	6.4	3.00
Elizabeth B. Browning (Brand).....	9.2	18.00
E. G. Hill (Lemoine).....	7.8	4.50
Ella Christine Kelway (Kelway).....	7.2	6.00
Elwood Pleas (Pleas).....	8.7	9.00
Enchantress (Lemoine).....	8.9	12.00
Enchantment (Hollis).....	7.7	6.00
Eugene Verdier (Calot) True.....	8.3	4.50
Eugenie Verdier (Calot).....	8.6	3.00
Eucharis (Lemoine).....	7.4	6.00
Evening Glow (Hollis).....	8.1	12.00
Exquisite (Kelway).....	8.7	18.00
Festiva Maxima (Meillez).....	9.3	3.00
Florence Nightingale (Brand).....	8.1	6.00
Fraicheur (Lemoine).....	8.3	12.00
Frances Shaylor (Shaylor).....	8.7	12.00
Frances Willard (Brand).....	9.1	7.50
Galathee (Lemoine).....	8.1	12.00
Georgiana Shaylor (Shaylor).....	8.9	12.00
Germaine Bigot (Dessert).....	8.5	4.50
Ginette (Dessert).....	8.8	7.50
Gismonda (Crousse).....	8.2	4.50
Grandiflora (Richardson).....	8.8	3.00
Graziella (?).....	7.0	3.00
Grover Cleveland (Terry).....	8.2	3.00
H. A. Hagen (Richardson).....	7.7	6.00
H. R. H. Princess Louise (Kelway).....	.....	6.00
Isoline (Lemoine).....	8.5	12.00
James Kelway (Kelway).....	8.7	9.00

	Rating	Price
Jeanne Gaudichau (Millet).....	8.3	7.50
Jeannot (Dessert).....	8.9	45.00
John Richardson (Richardson).....	8.1	4.50
Jubilee (Pleas).....	8.9	15.00
Karl Rosenfield (Rosenfield).....	8.8	4.50
Lady Alexandra Duff (Kelway).....	9.1	12.00
Lady Emily (Pleas).....	8.6	4.50
Lady Gwendolyn Cecil (Kelway).....	7.3	4.50
Lady Mayoress (Kelway).....	.....	3.00
Lady of the West (Kelway).....	.....	4.50
La Fee (Lemoine).....	9.2	15.00
La France (Lemoine).....	9.0	15.00
La Fiancee (Lemoine).....	8.6	7.50
La Fontaine (Dessert).....	8.1	7.50
La Rosiere (Crousse).....	8.3	3.00
Lamartine (Dessert).....	8.8	15.00
Laura Dessert (Dessert).....	8.8	24.00
Le Cygne (Lemoine).....	9.9	24.00
Lora Dexheimer (Brand).....	8.4	6.00
Loveliness (Hollis).....	8.8	12.00
Lucy E. Hollis (Hollis).....	8.1	7.50
Madame Auguste Dessert (Dessert).....	8.3	4.50
Madame de Treyeran (Dessert).....	8.2	4.50
Madame Emile Galle (Crousse).....	8.5	3.00
Madame Emile Lemoine (Lemoine).....	8.9	4.50
Madame Boulanger (Crousse).....	7.8	3.00
Madame Reignoux (Dessert).....	7.3	4.50
Madame Savreau (Savreau).....	7.9	6.00
Marcelle Dessert (Dessert).....	8.2	4.50
Madame Jules Dessert (Dessert).....	9.4	9.00
Madame Manchet (Dessert).....	8.0	9.00
Marie Jacquin (Verdier).....	8.3	3.00
Marie Crousse (Crousse).....	8.9	4.50
Margaret Gaudichau (Millet).....	8.6	12.00
Martha Bulloch (Brand).....	9.1	18.00
Mary W. Shaylor (Shaylor).....	9.4	36.00
Marquis C. Lagergren (Dessert).....	8.0	4.50
Maud L. Richardson (Hollis).....	8.5	6.00
Midnight (Brand).....	7.3	3.00
Midsummer Night's Dream (Pleas).....	8.5	7.50
Milton Hill (Richardson).....	9.0	4.50

	Rating	Price
Mons. Jules Elie (Crousse).....	9.2	3.00
Mons. Martin Cahuzac (Dessert).....	8.8	7.50
Mont Blanc (Lemoine).....	8.4	7.50
Mrs. Gwyn Lewis (Kelway).....	.....	6.00
Nymphaea (ThurLOW).....	9.1	12.00
Opal (Pleas).....	8.5	9.00
Othello (Lemoine).....	.....	6.00
Petite Renee (Dessert).....	6.9	3.00
Phoebe Carey (Brand).....	8.8	12.00
Phyllis Kelway (Kelway).....	8.8	12.00
Pomponette (Dessert).....	7.4	4.50
Primevere (Lemoine).....	8.6	7.50
Raoul Dessert (Dessert).....	9.0	12.00
Rosa Bonheur (Dessert).....	9.0	12.00
Rosette (Dessert).....	8.9	12.00
R. P. Whitfield (Richardson).....	7.8	4.50
Sarah Bernhardt (Lemoine).....	9.0	4.50
Samuel Henshaw (Richardson).....	7.3	6.00
Solange (Lemoine).....	9.7	7.50
Souv. de Louis Bigot (Dessert).....	8.8	7.50
Summum Bonum (Kelway).....	.....	3.00
Supreme (Hollis).....	7.3	6.00
Suzette (Dessert).....	8.0	7.50
Therese (Dessert).....	9.8	7.50
Tourangelle (Dessert).....	9.4	7.50
Victoire de la Marne (Dessert).....	8.3	9.00
Veribest (Hollis).....	.....	6.00
Walter Faxon (Richardson).....	9.3	9.00
Welcome Guest (Hollis).....	7.9	4.50
William F. Turner (Shaylor).....	8.4	7.50

Single and Japanese Peonies

Each year shows an increased interest in the growing of both Single and Japanese Peonies. Their beauty appeals to me very much, and I have been making a Collection of all the good varieties until I now have over one hundred different kinds from which I select only the very best for the following lists:

Single Peonies

	Rating	Price
Clairette (Dessert).....	8.5	\$ 4.50
Camille (Dessert).....	7.3	4.50
Kelway's Wild Rose (Kelway).....	.....	7.50
La Fiancee (Dessert).....	8.4	4.50
Le Jour (Shaylor).....	8.2	4.50
Lucienne (Dessert).....	8.2	4.50
Marguerite Dessert (Dessert).....	8.5	6.00
Minerva (Dessert).....	7.3	3.00
Mistral (Dessert).....	7.3	3.00
Nellie (Kelway).....	.....	9.00
Nymphae (Dessert).....	.....	6.00
Othello (Dessert).....	.....	4.50
Pride of Langport (Kelway).....	8.9	9.00
Pure Love (Kelway).....	.....	9.00
Veloutine (Dessert).....	7.3	3.00
Vesuve (Dessert).....	7.6	3.00

Japanese Peonies

Akalu (?).....	.....	\$ 3.00
Alma (Shaylor).....	8.4	4.50
Fauvette (?).....	.....	4.50

	Rating	Price
Kameno Kerogona (?).....		4.50
Kino Kimo (?).....		4.50
Knight of the Thistle (Kelway).....		15.00
Kumagoe (?).....		4.50
Magnificence (Kelway).....		4.50
Mikado (Barr).....	8.6	4.50
Naubunishski (?).....		3.00
Noonday (Kelway).....		9.00
O Fugi (?).....		6.00
Rare Brocade (?).....		4.50
Seiriu Somae (?).....		3.00
Snow Wheel (?).....		3.00
Somme Ganoko (?).....		4.50

I make one offer to my customers which has proven very popular, and which has brought me many letters of commendation. Here is the offer: If you care to purchase Peonies from me and you do not care to pay the price for a whole undivided root with at least five eyes, I will furnish you with a small division which will have at least one eye, for a third of the price of the whole root. This division may have more than one eye, but I do not promise that it will have, and it will take it a whole year to grow into a plant as large as the one you would receive if you pay the price for the one year undivided root. In other words, what you save in money you lose in time, but with the same money you can purchase three times as many varieties, but remember these divisions must grow a whole year to become as large as my one year Peony roots.

Some of the prices given in this list are lower than the prices quoted in my first list issued March 6th, 1922. Each customer who has placed an order at the prices given in the first list will be

refunded the reduction in every case. If you fail to receive your refund check please call the matter to my attention promptly.

All the members of the American Peony Society will readily understand the significance of the rating I have shown after the varieties listed, but for the benefit of those who are not members I make this explanation: Two years ago each member of the American Peony Society was given an opportunity to cast a vote on the merits of all varieties of Peonies with which he was acquainted, and the figure shown is the average of the combined vote thus taken, on the basis of 10 for perfection. Due to the very recent interest in Single and Japanese Peonies only a very few were given ratings in this vote.

Experienced Peony buyers will have no difficulty in making their selections from this price list through their knowledge of the varieties from various descriptive catalogues and Peony bulletins. However, I realize that men and women who are just beginning to be interested in Peonies will wish they had some assistance in making their selection. In such a case it would be wise to consult the most experienced amateur Peony grower in your locality and rely upon his advice. If, however, after reading my Peony booklets and Garden Notes you should feel that I could be of any assistance to you in selecting the varieties which will give you the most satisfaction for your money, I would be glad to have you write me stating what you think would answer your requirements in a general way, that is, whether early or late, or midseason varieties, the color desired, etc., and I

will try to select the varieties which will satisfy and make a permanent customer of you.

I am growing my Peonies for the retail customer, especially for the Peony enthusiast who is building up a private collection, and consequently I have no wholesale price or trade discount to offer. The prices quoted are the same to everyone. My terms are cash with the order and money will be returned for any variety which I cannot furnish. I will not make any substitutions, and will send only the roots you order, as nothing displeases me more than to have a substitute sent me on any order I place.

I believe that every variety I offer is absolutely true to name, but should any prove to be untrue, I will gladly refund the money paid for it.

I like to send roots by express as in that case the customer pays exactly what the transportation costs. If, however, any customer ordering a few roots wishes them sent by parcel post, he may send fifteen cents additional for each root or division, and I will not only pay the postage but will also insure the safe delivery of the package. Express is usually cheaper when three or more roots are ordered.

I expect to start shipping Peony roots about the first of September. Customers may specify the dates on which they would like to receive their roots and I will dig and ship them accordingly. On account of the great demand for the scarce varieties the prudent buyer will place his order as early as possible.

LEE R. BONNEWITZ.

Van Wert, Ohio, July 18, 1922.

My descriptive Iris Catalog, with revised price list, is now ready for distribution. Will be glad to mail you a copy if you wish.
